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"Howard Sight."

We cut the following from a notice of the Autobiography of Dr. Zschokke, in Chamber's Journal, and which was republished in a number of Little's Living Age some months since.

We must conclude our notice of this most interesting of autographies without affording an account of a remarkable faculty Zschokke possesses, and which he calls his "earliest sight." "I am," he remarks, "almost afraid to speak of this, not because I am afraid to be thought superstitious, but that it may thereby strengthen such feelings in others. And yet it may be an addition to our stock of soul-experiences, and therefore I will confess! It has happened to me sometimes, on my first meeting with strangers, as I listed silently to their discourse, that their former life, with many trifling circumstances therewith connected, or frequently some particular scene in that life, has passed quite involuntarily, and as it were dream-like, yet perfectly distinct before me. During this time I usually feel so entirely absorbed in the contemplation of the stranger's life, that at last I no longer see clearly the face of the unknown, wherein I undesignedly read, nor distinctly hear the voices of the speakers, which before served in some measure as a commentary to the text of their features. For a long time I held such visions as delusions of the fancy, and more so as they showed me even the dress and motions of the actors, rooms, furniture, and other accessories. By way of just, I once, in a familiar family circle at Kitzingen, related the secret history of a seamstress who had just left the room and the house. I had never seen her before in my life; people were astonished, and laughed, but were not to be persuaded that I did not previously know the relations of which I spoke; for what I had uttered was the literal truth. In, on my part, was no less astonished that my dream pictures were confirmed by the reality. I became more attentive to the subject, and, when properly admitted it, I would relate to those whose life thus passed before me the subject of my vision, that I might thereby obtain confirmation or refutation of it. It was invariably ratified, not without consternation on their part. I myself had less confidence than any one in this mere jugglery. So often as I revealed my visionary gifts to any new person, I regularly expected to hear the answer—"It is not a secret wonder when my auditors replied that it was true, or when their astonishment betrayed me. I was indeed amazed, and indeed of many I will mention one example, which preternaturally astounded me. One fair day, in the eve of Walpurgis, I entered an inn (the "Vine") in company with two young student foresters, we were tired with rambling through the woods. We supped with a numerous society at the "taverne," where the guests were making very merry with the poems, stories and eccentricities of Swiss, with Meissel's magnetism, Lavater's physiognomy, etc. One of my companions, whose national pride was wounded by their mockery, begged me to make some reply, particularly to a handsome young man who sat opposite us, and who had allowed himself extramundane presence. This man's former life was at that moment presented to my mind. I turned to him, and asked whether he would answer me, cautiously, if I related him some of the most secret passageways of his life, knowing as little of him personally as of do of me? That would be going a little further, I thought, than Iander did with his physiognomy. He promised, if I were correct in my information, to admit it frankly. I then related what my vision had shown me, and the whole company were made acquainted with the private history of the young merchant; his school years, his youthful errors, with a fault committed in reference to the strong box of his principal. I described to him the unembalmed room with whitewashed walls, where to the right the brown door, on a table, stood a black money box, &c., &c. A dead silence prevailed over the whole narration, while I spoke the truth. The startled young man examined every particular, and even, what I had scarcely expected, the last mentioned. Touched by his candor, I shook hands with him over the table, and said no more. He asked my name, which I gave him, and we remained together talking till past midnight. He is probably still living."

Any explanation of this phenomenon, by means of the known laws of the human mind, would, in the present confined state of our knowledge, assuredly fail. We therefore simply give the extraordinary fact as we find it, in the words of the narrator, leaving the puzzle to be speculated on by our readers. Zschokke adds, that he had met with others who possessed a similar power.

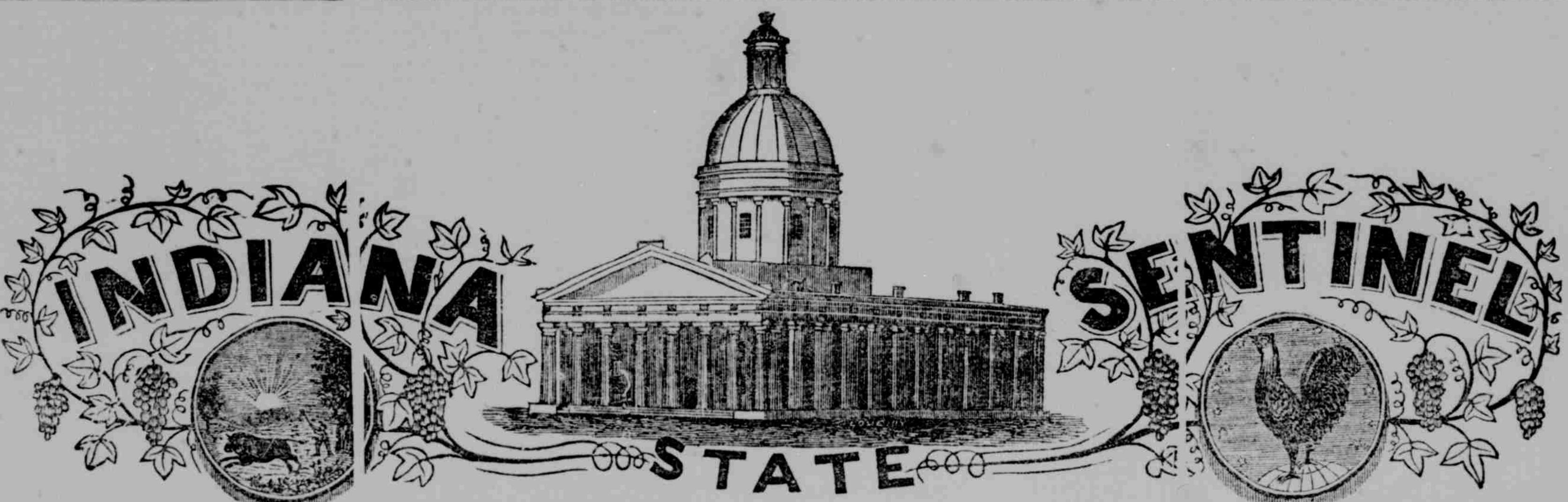
"What demon inspires you? Must I again believe in possession?" exclaimed the spirituel Johann von Riga, when, in the first hour of our acquaintance, I related his past life, with the avowed invitation of learning whether or no I deserved it. "We speculated long on the enigma, but even his penetration could not solve it."

LEGENDS AND ALARMING DANGER TO A TEMPERANCE CONVENTION.—The Louisville (Ky.) Courier gives the following alarming denunciation of a Temperance Convocation which came off at Shippingport last week:

The Sons of Temperance had a procession in which a number of ladies joined. After a fatiguing march out and about, and through the city, they came clod to have a little of something to strengthen and sustain the inner man, eschewing strong drink as a matter of course. Liqueur was ordered; the first being none of the best, or the ideas of some of the company being not altogether pleased with its strength and additional qualities, it was further proposed that a little brandy and beer added to the beverage. This was accordingly done, and the social glass again went round, but in a very few moments thereafter every one who had partaken was seized with a sudden vomiting and death-like nausea. Astonishing and horrid successive of poison passed through the minds of all.

Ladies, as well as gentlemen, were alike afflicted. Precipitation governed every movement, distress was depicted on every countenance, and the almost consternation prevailed until the contents of the lemons were extracted, and instead of tartaric acid, tartar emetic was found to be the ingredient introduced for improving the flavor of the lemons. The mass took occurred in the written prescription sent by a boy to the Portland drug store, which when produced read more like tartar emetic than tartaric acid."

Tears!—I have a peculiar love for tears; and do not willingly allow of one being cast down or even transplanted. There is something melancholy in carrying a poor tree from the society in which it has been for years domesticated amongst new companions, and into a strange soil; from which, however, unhappy it may feel itself there, it cannot escape, but must wait its time of decay, through slowly languishing years. At all times there belongs to trees a remarkable character of longing, as they stand fixed for ever, to a single limited spot of earth, and strive with the extremities of their branches to reach out as far as they can beyond the space to which their roots are confined, indeed, with all its seeming mobility, is, at the bottom, the same. He, too, let him range about as he may, is after all in reality chained to some mere span of ground.—*Von Humboldt.*



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